



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF HYDE,
NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

AMENDMENT NO. TWO

**SUSPENDING PUBLIC VISITATION TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES & LIMITING ENTRY BY
OCRACOCKE NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS**

MARCH 23, 2020

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19), continues for the County of Hyde; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of that declaration and the proceeding amendment, that prohibited mass gatherings, recommended social distancing and proper respiratory etiquette, restricted bars and restaurants to food take out or delivery services only and prohibited visitation to Ocracoke Island, continue to be enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Senior Center and Adult Day Activity Program (ADAP) were closed to the public to protect vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, closure to public visitation is being expanded to include all Hyde County Government Offices on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County State of Emergency Declaration Section Two (2), Mass Gatherings, is amended to close the Hyde County Government Offices to public visitation until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the Ocracoke Deputy Control Group convened a meeting on March 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM and recommended limiting entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners; and

WHEREAS, the governing body understands the ongoing recovery efforts on Ocracoke Island are vital to stabilizing living conditions for displaced disaster survivors and restoring normalcy once the public health threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has diminished; and

WHEREAS, entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners will be limited to only those needing to perform critical repairs to their property; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County State of Emergency Declaration Section Four (4), Discretionary Travel, is amended to limit entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners beginning on March 24, 2020 at 5:00 AM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Hyde County Code of Ordinances, **IT IS ORDERED:**

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION OF MASS GATHERINGS

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31(b)(2), which allows for the undersigned to regulate and control the congregation of persons in public places or buildings and with the concurrence of the Board of Commissioners to help protect the health and well-being of Hyde County citizens, I hereby close the Hyde

County Government Offices to public visitation on March 24, 2020 and the resumption of visitation will be evaluated before reopening.

SECTION 4. DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31(b)(1)(d), which allows the undersigned to control ingress and egress to the emergency area, entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners is limited until further notice. Only those Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners needing to perform critical repairs to their property will be granted entry to the island.

Ingress to and egress from Mainland Hyde County continues unimpeded, at this time, but visitors and non-resident property owners are strongly encouraged to postpone or cancel any discretionary travel until the public health threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has diminished.

Furthermore, I strongly encourage Hyde County residents to postpone or cancel any discretionary travel from the County of Hyde to limit the spread of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

SECTION 6. APPLICATION

All local government entities and agencies are ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the State of Emergency, any amendments to that declaration and the provisions of the Hyde County Emergency Operations Plan (the "EOP").

SECTION 7. DISTRIBUTION

I hereby order this amendment be: (1) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (2) promptly filed with the Clerk to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this amendment.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Amendment is signed on this date, Monday, March 23, 2020, shall become effective at 5:00 AM on March 24, 2020 and remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED:



Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of
Commissioners

